

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to make their stations air an anti-Kerry piece days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation. When I called to make my opinion known I was cut off and directed to another number which was then never answered.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. But when large companies control the airwaves, we see how their power is used to promote specific agendas. Instead of something produced at "News Central" far away, it's more important that we see real people from our own communities and hear balanced reports that allow people to make up their own minds about the issues.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to be a thoughtful process in which the public has input. Thank you.